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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

VIA: Director of Security

 STAT FROM:
CIA OPSEC Coordinator

 STAT Subject: First National OPSEC Conference

1. The attachment to this memorandum announces the "First Operations Security (OPSEC) Conference." It will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, 24-26 April 1990. This early notification is being provided so you may schedule attendance or representation at this major interagency forum. Conference accommodations limit attendance to approximately 300; CIA has been asked to limit its attendance to about 30 people. In January I will ask you to identify specific attendees from your component. I am hopeful that we will be able to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend; if not, we will work the problem as necessary. This conference is being sponsored by the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff (IOSS). It is intended to assist Federal agencies establish formal OPSEC programs as required by National Security Decision Directive (NSDD) 298, dated January 1988.

2. NSDD 298 directed all U.S. Government agencies and departments engaged in, or supporting, classified activities to establish a formal OPSEC program. The NSDD assigns the Director, National Security Agency (NSA) as the Executive Agent for OPSEC training and requires the establishment of an IOSS. NSA is required to fund and manage the IOSS; CIA and other specific departments and agencies are directed to provide staffing for the activity. The IOSS became operational in February of this year and is currently staffed by 16 persons, including representatives from NSA, CIA, DOE, FBI, DOD, GSA, and USSS. The facility is located in leased office space in Greenbelt, Maryland. an NPIC Image Analyst, is the incumbent CIA representative.

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3. Although the conference agenda is not yet firm, there will be a series of briefings and workshops on OPSEC implications, experiences, methodology, and program development. The keynote address will be presented by the Director, NSA. Other senior members of the Intelligence Community are also expected to make presentations at the conference. The entire conference will be conducted at the unclassified level. Approximately 300 people from throughout the U.S. Government are expected to attend. In addition to Government speakers, there will be presentations by contractors and, possibly, one talk on "Exploitation of Open Source Information" by a member of the Washington press corps. Protection of cover and participation in open forum exchanges during the proceedings must, therefore, be appropriately considered. [redacted]

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4. For your information, the Office of Security was assigned responsibility for establishing the CIA OPSEC Program. In the same time frame, OS was also directed to establish a formal Counterimagery Security Program. The undersigned was tasked with coordinating the definition and development of both programs. A committee was formed with representation of all Directorates and, based on an assessment of the threat and Agency vulnerabilities, it was decided that it would be most cost-effective for the Agency to focus on the development of a Counterimagery Security Program, allowing the IOSS time to further define OPSEC in the generic sense. Accordingly, the requirements and component responsibilities for a Counterimagery Security Program were defined, and [redacted] Regulations were drafted to formalize the program. Those regulations are currently in the review process. Line management of the Counterimagery Security Program has been assigned to the Office of Security, Analysis Division and a Counterimagery Security Awareness Program is in development. According to the plan, the OPSEC Program will be formalized and integrated with the Counterimagery Program as time and experience allow. [redacted]

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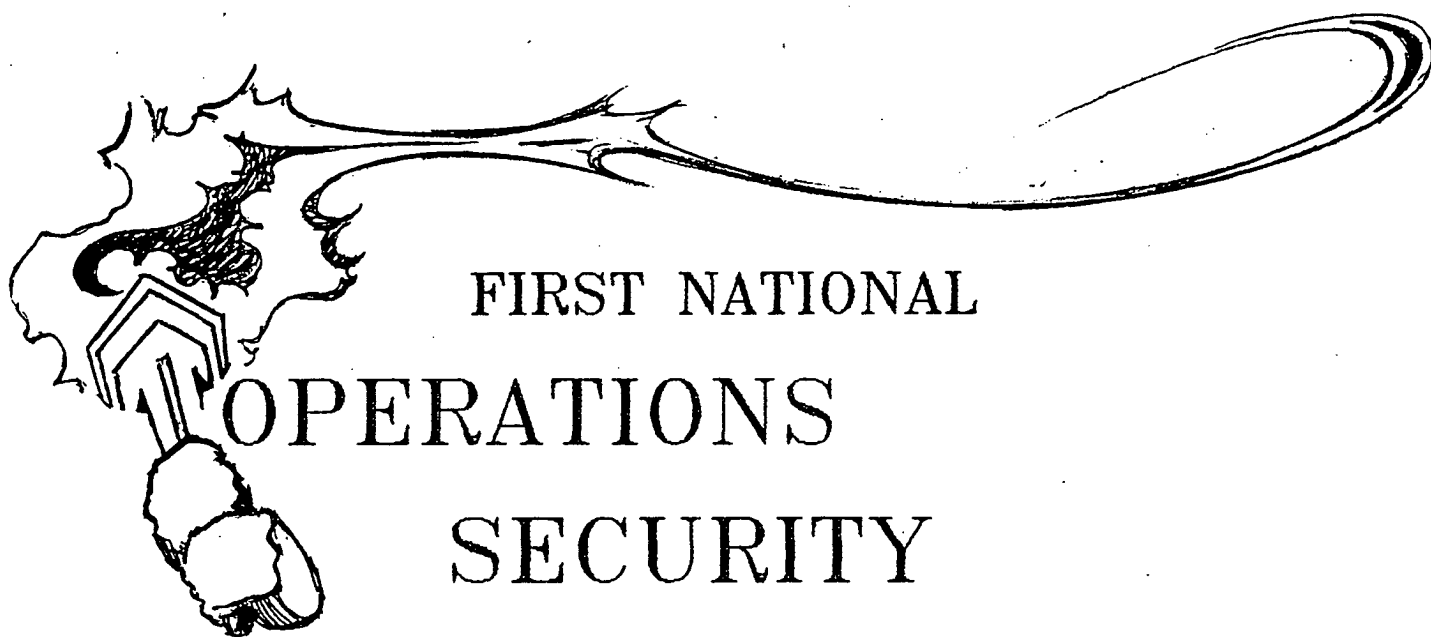
5. The final, formal agenda for the First National OPSEC Conference and a request for identification of attendees will be distributed in January 1990. If you have questions, please call the undersigned on [redacted]

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